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Re: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site
Passaic River Study Area

Dear Mr. McConnell:

As you were previously notified, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the Passaic River Study Area ("Study Area"), a part of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, located in Newark, New Jersey. Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq., EPA is overseeing a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study being performed at the Study Area under an Administrative Order on Consent signed by Occidental Chemical Corporation.

As you may know, pursuant to Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9606(a) and §9607(a), potentially responsible parties may be obligated to implement response actions deemed necessary by EPA to protect public health, welfare or the environment, and may be liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site.

EPA has scheduled a meeting for 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 29, 1996 to provide more information about the status of work concerning the Study Area to all those parties who have either received a notice letter or a Request for Information letter. The meeting will be held in Room 305 on the Third Floor at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York. A list of addressees is attached to this letter. Inasmuch as you have been given notice by EPA of your potential liability for the Study Area, EPA encourages you to attend this meeting.

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If you have any questions concerning this meeting please contact either Patricia Hick, Esq., at (212) 637-3137 or Amelia Wagner, Esq., at (212) 637-3141.

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